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Going for the gold

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, Zoey Muileboom and Nathaniel Jones carry the Canadian flag. Ridgeway Public School students held their own Olympic Games to celebrate the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi. See page 31 for the story and more photos.

Pilot project aims to cut wait times

Pre-inspection cargo program unveiled at Peace Bridge

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Two Niagara Regional Police officers will monitor activity, as U.S. customs officers participate pre-inspection pilot program of cargo in Fort Erie.

To reduce wait times and traffic congestion at the Peace Bridge, commercial vehicles will undergo primary inspection in Canada before heading over the border into the U.S.

"It's a complex thing, and this kind of situation has never really happened before," Staff Sgt. Steve Tchang said.

"We have American border customs officers and they're armed and have some use-of-force options for their safety," he said.

Regional police will be on hand during the pilot program's hours of operation to "enforce Canadian law," Tchang said.

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Pilot project runs Monday through Thursday

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Ron Rienas, the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Peace Bridge Authority's general manager, said the pilot project was put in place last week and runs from Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The pilot project at the Peace Bridge is considered the second phase of a larger program. The first phase was a Proof of Concept designed to test the feasibility of an inspection program and was conducted at the Pacific Highway crossing in Blaine, Wash., and Surrey, BC, Rienas said.

The pilot project being conducted at the Peace Bridge as a partnership between the Peace Bridge Authority, Canada's Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Rienas said officers will inspect trucks on the Canadian side at two new booths to avoid backups and traffic congestion at the bridge.

After trucks are processed on the Canadian side, truck drivers will cross the bridge where they will come to a border patrol exit booth. Truck drivers will either be given a green light signalling they are free to proceed or a red light, which signals they must stop for further processing.

HARRY ROSETTANI Special to The Times

A pre-inspection pilot program was unveiled at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie on Monday morning.

Rienas said the new pilot cargo inspection program is a result of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama's Beyond the Border Action Plan, which focuses on improving Canadian and U.S. border safety.

Since the project is still in its testing stages, Rienas said the public wouldn't notice any major changes while crossing the border.

But if the pilot project is successful, Rienas said it would improve border wait times.

"Right now, it's just a pilot project and the full benefits will not be realized," Rienas said.

"If we have full implementation later on, we'll have 12 booths constructed as opposed to two and it will be a 72% increase in input."

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Town to donate land for new school

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie is offering land to the District School Board of Niagara to replace west end schools.

Council was in favour of donating about three acres of land on Rebstock Rd. backing onto the Crystal Ridge Community Centre for a new school which would consolidate Bertie, Crystal Beach and Ridgeway Public Schools into one.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill said the Accommodation Review Committee, tasked with deciding the fate the three schools, will hear a presentation to learn more about building a new school during an ARC meeting set for Feb. 27 at Bertie Public School at 6 p.m.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley wanted to know the value of the land that the town could donate to the school board and whether or not other municipalities have donated land to the school board in the past.

Rich Brady, Director of community and development services, said the goal of offering the land is to encourage the DSBN to build a new school.

He said an appraisal on the land hadn't been done but he estimated it to be worth $35,000 to $40,000 an acre.

He said other municipalities such as St. Catharines have donated land to the school board to build new schools.

If the DSBN is in favour of accepting the Town's offer, Brady said the school board would also "be looking to acquire" an additional three acres of a parcel of land between a nearby housing development and a park.

"The details need to be worked out. But half of that additional land would be given back to the town to increase the size of the park," Brady said.

After purchasing the additional land, the DSBN would have "roughly 4.5 acres" for a new school, he added.

"We're trying to convince the DSBN to build and new school."

New agreement made for Point Abino Lighthouse Association

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie has issued a new agreement with the private homeowners association for access to the Point Abino Lighthouse which will take affect in April.

Council approved the new agreement, allowing the town to enter into a new licence agreement with the Point Abino Association which would last a year.

The Town of Fort Erie and the Point Abino Association have held several contracts since the town acquired the lighthouse and keeper's dwelling in 2003.

The newest agreement allows the contract to automatically renew itself unless the town otherwise terminates it.

The Town of Fort Erie has paid the same access fee each year for the past 11 years.

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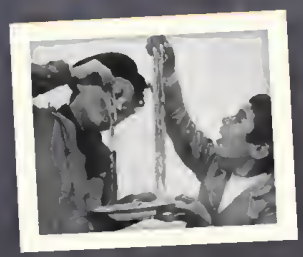

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Ice caves destroyed

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Anyone hoping to get a look at the Crystal Beach ice caves before they are knocked down is out of luck.

"We had a meeting about 11 a.m. (last Wednesday) morning and we decided to knock them down," Fort Erie Fire Chief Larry Coplen said.

"We hadn't decided when it was going to happen (until last Wednesday). It had a lot to do with the weather, the availability of a contractor and we had to make sure we had approval with the Ministry of Natural Resources because the land fell under its jurisdiction," he added.

It took about an hour and one piece of equipment to knock down three ice caves near the public boat dock at Crystal Beach. Coplen said a small crew began knocking the caves down at 1:30 p.m., last Wednesday.

The largest ice cave was about 30 feet deep and about 15 feet wide with a head space of about six feet high.

The phenomenon that created the ice caves is called ice shove, which is the formation of ice that freezes on top of water. As high winds come in, the ice is broken up and the waves pound the ice into shore, pushing it up on top of itself.

Coplen estimated that about 50,000 people flocked to Crystal Beach to view the ice caves over the course of the Family Day weekend. Several people were also injured when they tried to scale the icy summits.

"I think the estimate of the amount of people that visited Crystal Beach was low. The traffic was almost backed up to the QEW," Coplen said.

Coplen said fire crews and the police ordered the evacuation of the ice caves Monday afternoon after cracks began forming in the ice.

"We were concerned about the dangerous over hanging areas and we needed to knock them down," Coplen said.

"There was a short window, because if we left it for the weekend, we'd have a lot of people. We want people to get the message that it's knocked down and hopefully people will stay away."

What are left of the ice caves are giant mounds of snow near the boat launch.

"We're not concerned about the piles of snow left behind because there is no danger of them collapsing on someone but we still encourage people to stay away from the area," Coplen said.

"Even as we were knocking them down, we had to push people away as they were trying to get one last look before they were destroyed," he added.

Coplen said he wanted to thank Fort Erie's volunteer firefighters, along with town staff, who gave up their Family Day weekend to monitor the activity at Crystal Beach.

"I've heard from people that they haven't seen anything like the ice caves for 20 years," Coplen said.

"If anyone wants to see the caves, there are lots of good pictures online," he added.

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MIKE DIBATTISTA QMI Agency Niagara

People continued to visit the popular ice caves at Crystal Beach on Feb. 18, one day after police and fire crews ordered people off the ice after cracks began form. Officials are warning people to stay off the ice because of the unsafe conditions. The Town of Fort Erie ordered the caves be demolished last week.

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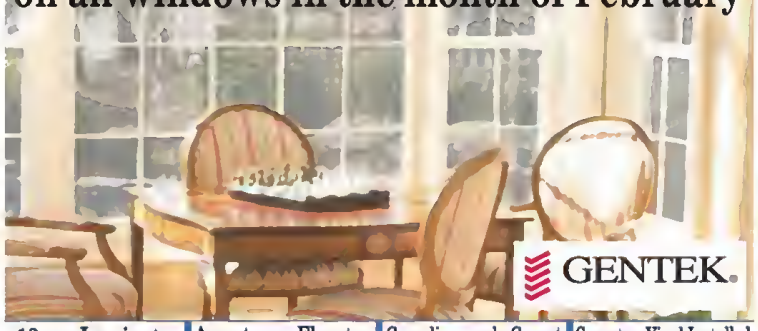

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Union employees reach agreement with town

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Unionized Town of Fort Erie employees have come to terms on a new collective agreement.

An agreement with the Town of Fort Erie and Members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 714 expired on Dec. 31, 2013.

Local 714 represents about 80 full-time and casual employees in roads, water and waste water, parks facilities and office functions.

The union was set to strike if an agreement could not be made with the Town.The union and the Town met with a provincially appointed conciliation officer and reached a three-year tentative agreement. The union voted 96% in favour of accepting the deal last week and council approved it Monday evening.

The new agreement, which is valid until Dec. 31, 2016, provides for wage increases of 2% each year.

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Town welcomes new integrity commissioner

Suzanne Craig has been appointed as the Integrity Commissioner for the Town of Fort Erie.

Craig graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto. She completed post-graduate studies at the American University, and attended the Doctor of Law program at the University of Rome, Italy and the Masters of Law program at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Craig has more than 15 years of experience in the public and private sectors in legal, policy and management roles.

Craig has been an independent administrative tribunal agent, arbitrator and mediator in Ontario, in the areas of labour relations, human rights, workplace safety and insurance, consent and capacity and tenant protection.

She practiced law in Italy and was a forensic investigator in the European banking sector.

She has held various positions at the Province of Ontario such as legislative provincial specialist at the Ministry of Labour and access and privacy coordinator and special projects advisor at the Ministry of the Environment.

In 2005, she was appointed director of corporate access and privacy for the City of Toronto.

Currently Craig is the Integrity Commissioner for the municipalities of Vaughan, Pickering, Parry Sound, Orillia, St. Catharines and Barrie. She has been engaged in Integrity Commissioner services since 2009.

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We must encourage our young athletes

The Winter Olympic Games may be over, but there are still plenty of sporting events to watch and be entertained by.

The Fort Erie Figure Skating Club isn't finished celebrating the Olympic Games yet. The skating club is hosting its year-end show at the Fort Erie Leisureplex on March 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with an Olympic-inspired show prepared.

Youth ages three to 15 will participate in the event which features a group skate, solos, hockey, speed skating and a downhill slalom.

There's no charge to attend but the skating club will be collecting donations for Community Program Outreach Erie.

It's amazing to see thousands of Canadians across the country rally together to support our nation's top athletes.

It's even more amazing when a local community shows their support for their youngest aspiring athletes.

Whether it's figuring skating, hockey, soccer, or football, sports are important for every child because it promotes team work, dedication and physical activity.

This Saturday, support a group of about 75 local youth who will celebrate all that they have accomplished during the figure skating season.

Do You Remember?

Although we received no phone calls about last week's photo of the group with the distinguished lady and gentlemen, we did hear from Judy Rose about our previous week's Valentine photo.

The couple pictured on their wedding day are Danielle Dostie and John Hagemeyer.

Many thanks to Judy who shared her memories of being a member of their wedding party about 1970.

Does anyone know any of these young people pictured in this week's photo? Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us museum@forterie.on.ca.

Sanctuary has been bustling with activities

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Nadine Foerstenberg

First of all, we would like to thank all of you who worked at the past events and supported them in the way you did.

We couldn't do it without you.

I just want to give you a quick recap on what happened in the past couple of weeks in case you missed any of it.

We had a very nice Valentine's Day thanks to the crew from The Ridgeway Vagina Monologues and all the other volunteers.

Valery Gore and Sarah Slean—both stunningly beautiful and incredibly talented — brought music to our ears that touched us deeply. It wasa magical night dedicated to love.

The Fort Erie Arts Council invited families to come out and enjoy Family Day.

It was so much fun to see the imagination manifested in the creation of sock puppets and colourful cookies.

The Hula Hooping was a full success helping to burn off the crazy sugar rush caused by too many cookies.

The Maysides, Say Yes and The Balconies rocked the house or better The Sanctuary on Feb. 22.

That is really all there is to say about this show. The bands rocked and rocked out and so did we.

The Fort Erie Council and The Sanctuary called on all amateur and professional photographers in our community to come forward with photos they took from the magnificent ice caves in Crystal Beach.

We received a lot of great work – Thank you for taking part and will preparing the exhibit shortly.

The Open House for this exhibit is planned for March 21.

The Auditions for the 2014 Ridgeway Vagina Monologues will be held at The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts on March 6 at 7 p.m.

Come prepared with a short piece to audition with.

If the stage is not your home, but you still want to be part of the event, volunteers for food sales, silent auction and ticket sales are also needed.

All proceeds of the event go to Women's Place of South Niagara, One Billion Rising and The Marsha Ellen Meidow Foundation.

A month ago, we were approached by the guys from the Metal band Upon Ashes who wanted to rent the hall for The March Metal Madness on March 7.

So this one is for all the metal heads brought to you by Upon Ashes featuring A Divine Silent, Loyalist and more. Contact one of the bands for tickets $10). Doors will open at 6 p.m.

If you are looking for activities for your children during March Break consider this: How about a fun kids' Zumba class?

The lovely Lindsay Kelley who is offering Zumba classes at the Sanctuary for adults will be showing kids how to keep active and have fun doing it.

The class will be held at the Sanctuary, Monday to Friday between 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. The children will be learning dances like samba and merengue.

To register or get more information, email thesanctuaryarts@gmail.com or Lindsay at lnskelley@gmail.com.

For more information on all our events, classes and shows, please visit www.thesanctuary.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Nadine Foerstenberg is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

opinion page

The library concludes celebration of Black History Month

Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

This evening, the Fort Erie Public Library concludes its observance of Black History Month with a screening of the Oscar nominated film 12 Years a Slave starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Michael Fassbender.

Tonight's movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, and will encore next Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Crystal Ridge.

Other films on the roster at the library include Saturday's feature Ender's Game, a PG-rated science fiction adventure movie based on Orson Scott Card's bestselling book, and next Thursday's selection Dallas Buyers Club starring Matthew McConaughey, both playing at the Centennial branch.

Teens are invited to gather this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch for a Teen Lounge experience, which includes music, food, friends, games and chat for everyone. Young people may also visit the Crystal Ridge branch this evening, starting at 6:30 p.m., for a knitting lesson with volunteers from the Bowen Road Women's Institute. Both teen events are free.

This week, we are in the middle of Freedom to Read Week, a time set aside annually to encourage Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

A display at the Centennial branch illustrates the quality and the variety of books that have been banned in North America through the years. If you are looking for something to read, pick up a banned book today.

The first of the library's series of free income tax preparation clinics will be held at the Crystal Ridge branch on Wednesday, March 5. If you are a single individual with an income of $30,000 or less, or a couple with a joint income of $40,000 or less and your tax situation is simple, this is your opportunity to have your 2013 taxes completed by volunteers who have taken training from Canada Revenue, and who dedicate their time to helping others in this way.

Please call the Crystal Ridge branch, 905-894-1281 if you would like an appointment. Clinics will also be held at the Centennial branch, and you may call 905-871-2546, ext. 305 for an appointment later this month.

There is so much happening during March Break at the Fort Erie Public Library that we're sure there will be something great for everyone to do.

Visit our website www.fepl.ca, pick up a newsletter or check out all the posters at each branch to find a film, a craft or an event that the children in your life will like. Highlights include several screenings of the film Frozen at the Centennial branch on March 7 - 10, and a visit from real live raptors and the Canadian Raptor Conservancy at the Crystal Ridge and Centennial branches on Tuesday, March 11.

St. John Ambulance will provide their fun and helpful training for 11 to 14 year olds who want to babysit, or for seven to 10 year-olds to feel comfortable and be safe staying home alone. Videogame events, a sleepover for stuffed animals, more movies and lots of special maker spaces and craft times round out the March Break excitement

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator for the Fort Erie Public Library.

What do you know about the ice caves on Lake Erie?

Earl Plato

Here in 2014 what do you know about ice caves that were on Lake Erie and the mouth of the Niagara River?

I know a little and share these three happenings with you.

My high school friend, Ken Krebs, and I climbed on the ice caves that had built up on the south side of the Peace Bridge. The piled up ice floes had created a neat scenario of ice caves. Some of them reflected a bluish light.

Ken and I knew the entire ice creation there was on a shallow rocky shelf. We swam here in the summer. No fear for these 14-year-olds.

Across the way on the American side, a Coast Guard official trained his binoculars on two kids climbing on these caves of ice.

"Are they crazy!" might have been the epithet. A call was made to our side, Two uniformed men appeared (I believe back then Mounties). Using a mega horn one called out. " You kids get off there right now!" We did. A reprimand and that was that.

Stay off exploring ice caves.

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We lived in the Bay Beach area for over 16 years. We saw winter in its many forms.

One winter, there was an abundance of ice piled up into cave-like structures.

Appealing to young boys? Yes.

Son, Paul, and his friend Billy Mills went to explore the many ice structures at Bay Beach on a Saturday morning.

Noon came and no boys. Wife, Elaine, and I drove to the Charles Bassett property.

A long wooden fence had been erected to prevent sand and ice being thrown up on the extensive beach front property. Shock! We had never seen pounding wave surges coming up with force between the ice and the fence.

Scary? Yes! One slip and you could be trapped between the ice and fence wall.

No boys in sight!

We drove hurriedly to the Bay Beach entrance. There we found Paul emerging safely from an ice crevice. Time had passed swiftly for the boys.

Billy had gone further toward the old pier.

Both boys had survived their ice caves experience.

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Here in 2014 Rick Doan experiences the wonder of Bay Beach Ice Caves.

Here is a portion of Rick Doan's ice cave adventure recently.

" I took a Timmy's to Waterfront Park and noticed many people down at the ice caves. Since I had my camera I decided to just go down a little to them. When I was a teenager a friend and I were on the ice and he fell through. So I am very timid about going on the ice. I got some courage up and walked all the way to the east and explored there. Once in a lifetime gifts from Mother Nature! All made of shelf ice

and most incredible! While down in the caves I could hear the "sonic" boom of the ice cracking farther out but it was safe close to shore where I was."

Rick took some 250 shots of the ice caves. Many were remarkable.

Thanks Rick.

Earl Plato is an author and Fort Erie resident.

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Rick Doan visits the ice caves in Crystal Beach before they were demolished.

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Town of Fort Erie councillors were invited to particpate in the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake.

Darlene Hazlett of BBBS invited council to particpate in the event Sunday, March 1 at Carroll's Bowling Lanes at 4:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

This year's theme is a Hawaiian Luau.

She said the event is the major fundraiser for BBBS. The organization offers afterschool programs and mentorship to youth in Niagara.

"With such harsh economic times, it has become more important that we focus on youth," she said.

"All the dollars raised in Fort Erie stay in Fort Erie and the need has never been greater," Hazlett added.

For more information or to register for the event visit online at www.bbbsinniagara.ca, call 905-871-8836 or pick up a registration form at the Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce.

Town working to fix potholes

Motorists may have noticed a bumpier ride while driving in Fort Erie during the winter months.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill wanted an update about how the Town is dealing with a growing number of potholes that have been causing headaches for motorists.

"The potholes have become bad because of the weather we have experienced," Hill said during Monday night's council meeting.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Tom Kuchyt said town staff have had crews repairing roads.

"I've talked to operations staff. We've had inclement weather that tied up resources. We have had two crews out and we plan on continuing work," Kuchyt told Hill.

Kuchyt said the public is encouraged to call town hall if they are concerned about specific streets.

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Steve Helwig

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A crucial part of any Business Plan is the Projected Cash Flow as it may reveal a need for short-term financing and demonstrate the ability to repay the loan. If you plan for a major expenditure then consider a term loan which closely matches the economic life of the asset (normally 3 – 5 years). Your commentary should address how the purchase will make your business more profitable.

For assistance with a Business Plan or obtaining financing from the Business Success & Loan Centre Fort Erie (BSL) contact us.

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ASK THE HAIR STYLIST

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A: The timing of the sale of your business is critical. You can achieve a higher price during a period of growth and prosperity. The economy appears to be emerging from the recent recession and the next five years may provide opportunities for business sales and successions. With an aging population business succession planning is becoming a real concern and a significant challenge. It is expected that in the next ten years 550,000 businesses will change ownership: either succeed to family members or be sold. More than half of these businesses do not have a formal transition plan or exit strategy and many do not even have a successor. You should be working towards a transition plan with a lawyer, accountant and banker several years in advance of a planned retirement. This is the key to ensuring a successful continuity of your business and maximizing price.

Kenneth D. Lenchyshyn
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Q What is Cognitive Behavioural Therapy?

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A. It is always a good idea to talk to both your lawyer and accountant before you buy a business. One of the reasons you should do so, is to find out if there will be a tax benefit to you to incorporate. Income earned by you in your business personally would be added to your employment income, if any, and this may put your earnings into a higher tax bracket. Income earned by your corporation is taxed at the corporate tax rate. Another reason to incorporate would be to limit your personal liability for the debts of the corporation, if the business is unsuccessful. However, you may be asked to give personal guarantees to your landlord or the bank in any event. There is no hard and fast rule to follow. Every situation is different. However, if you choose to purchase the business in your personal name and then decide that you want to incorporate, there are ways to transfer the business over to the corporation in the future.

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Fire department warns residents of potential scam

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

The Fort Erie Fire Department is warning residents that several people claiming to be firefighters have tried to gain access to local homes.

On Saturday, a concerned resident told the fire department that two men, dressed all in black,

had identified themselves as firefighters and said they wanted to come into the home to inspect the furnace.

"These individuals are not members of the Fort Erie Fire Department and under no circumstance should they be permitted in to your home," said Doug Atkins, the fire department's public safety officer.

"(The fire department) does not randomly inspect home furnaces."

If a situation ever arose where a firefighter would need access to a home, Atkins said, the firefighter would be in uniform and have proper identification.

"When in doubt, call the police," Atkins added.

MARCH BREAK AT YOUR LIBRARY

FROZEN (movie)
Fearless Anna teams up with Kristoff on an epic journey, encountering Everest-like conditions, and a hilarious snowman named Olaf. Rated PG. Runtime: 102 min. $3.
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Bouquet for local group
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Bouquet for good samaritans
A bouquet for the three ladies and a gentlemen who helped my grandson and I when our car got stuck in the snow at the parking lot in Crystal Beach while going to see the ice caves on Feb 14. We could not have done it without you.

Brick for people who don't change the toilet paper roll
A brick for all the people when they use the washroom and don't switch the empty roll for a new roll of toilet paper. There is nothing worse than going to the washroom after someone uses all the toilet paper and leaves you stranded. It takes two seconds to change the roll. I don't understand why people wait for someone else to change the roll.

Brick for people who don't shovel sidewalks
A brick for all the people who don't shovel their sidewalks. It's really frustrating because I have to walk on the road, where it isn't safe. I know it takes some time and effort to shovel the sidewalk, but it means so much to the people who are out and about in the community.

Bouquet to fire and police officials
A bouquet for all of the people who gave up their Family Day weekend to watch over the thousands of visitors that visited Crystal Beach to view the magnificent caves. It's sad that the caves were destroyed but so many volunteer firefighters and others ensured the safety of thousands of visitors. I can't imagine it was an easy job to do.

Brick to lazy people
A brick to all the people out there who are lazy and complain about everything but don't do anything to make their lives better for themselves. I am so tired of people complaining how terrible everything is in their life. If we want to make a change in our life to make it better, we have to do it ourselves.

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FOR ALL PROPERTY CLASSES

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2014 interim tax bills were mailed on February 7, 2014

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Gillian Comey
Manager of Revenue & Collections

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ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014."

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense,** if found in violation of the by-law.

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Matt Richardson).

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The Corporation is now accepting applications for summer **student employment opportunities** in parks/cemeteries; facilities; roads; horticulture; museums and engineering. Work schedules may include weekends and holidays. Some positions require a valid, Class G drivers' license. Further details are available at www.town.forterie.ca. Go to "Town Hall", scroll down and click on "Employment Opportunities".

Returning students MUST apply. Application forms are available on-line and at Town Hall. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2014.** The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.

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2014 MARCH BREAK PUBLIC SKATING

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March 9th	1:00 – 2:30 pm	$1.50/Person
March 11th	1:00 – 2:30 pm	$1.50/Person
March 13th	1:00 – 2:30 pm	$1.50/Person
March 14th	8:00 – 10:00 pm	$2.50/Person
March 16th	1:00 – 2:30 pm	$1.50/Person

QUOTATION ISO-14Q-RTREE1

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March 6th, 2014

Specific project details and requirements are provided within the bid document.

Interested bidders are asked to contact Bart Menage, Manager of Purchasing and Finance Services at (905) 871-1600 ext. 2303 or alternatively at bmenage@forterie.on.ca to make suitable arrangements to pick up the quotation document.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

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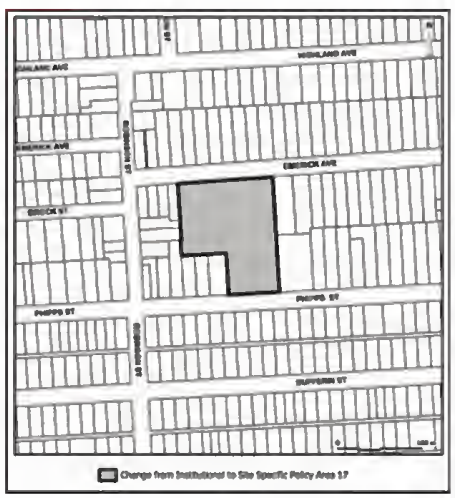

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 27-2014 being a by-law to adopt **Amendment #21** to the Official Plan for the Town of Fort Erie Planning Area on the 10th day of February, 2014 under Section 22 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **5th day of March, 2014** a notice of the appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of $125.00. A certified cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment #21 is exempt from approval by the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing a Notice of Appeal.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Only individuals, corporations or pubic bodies may appeal a decision of the Municipality to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of Amendment No. 21 is to amend the Town of Fort Erie's Official Plan to change the land use designation of the lands shown on map above from "Institutional" to "Special Policy Area 17" to redesignate the site to Urban Residential permitting Institutional uses in the existing buildings or additions thereto.

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT

Information pertaining to the proposed Official Plan Amendment application and the adopted Official Plan Amendment #21 is available at the Clerk's Office and the Community and Development Services Department during regular office hours, and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

An application for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. 350309-372, was approved by the Municipal Council of the Town Fort Erie on February 10th, 2014.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 27th day of February, 2014.
CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss. 34(18), O. Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA AND TOWN OF FORT ERIE — FILE # 350309-0372

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 28-14** on the 10th day of February, 2014 under Section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **5th day of March, 2014,** a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of $125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website:** www.forterie.on.ca.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 28-2014 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Institutional (I) Zone" to site specific "Residential Multiple 1 RM1- 501 Zone".

The Lands shown on the location map are zoned site specific "Residential Multiple 1 RM1-501 Zone". These lands shall comply with the "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1) Zone, except for the following:

a) The lands may only be used for the following uses:
- Single detached dwellings
- Semi-detached dwellings
- Street townhouse dwelling
- apartment house
- assisted living house
- any purpose permitted by "Section 31.2 Permitted Uses" in the "Institutional I Zone"

b) The maximum building height of street townhouse dwellings and block townhouse dwellings shall be 1.5 storeys.

c) The provisions of "Section 15.3 Regulations for Apartment Dwellings and Second Level Lodging Houses" shall apply to the any apartment house or assisted living house located on the lands.

d) The provisions of "Section 31.3 Regulations for Institutional Uses" shall apply to any Institutional use located on the lands.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

The subject land is also the subject of approval of an Official Plan Amendment, File No. 350302-0085.

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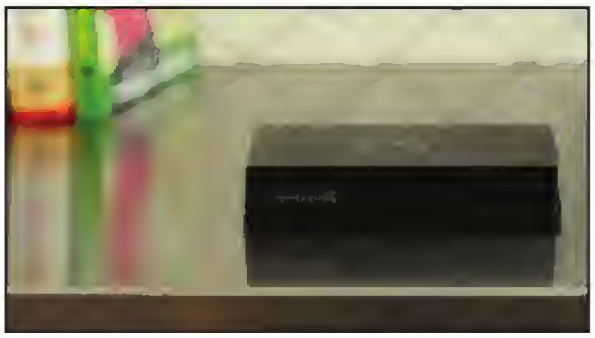

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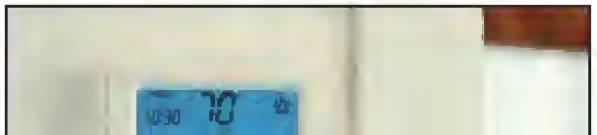

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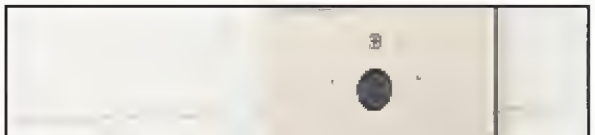

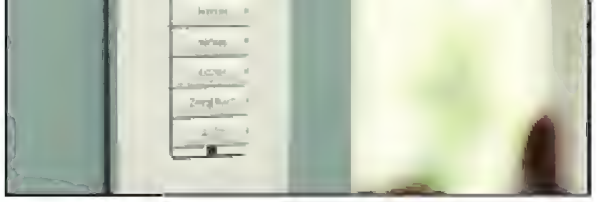

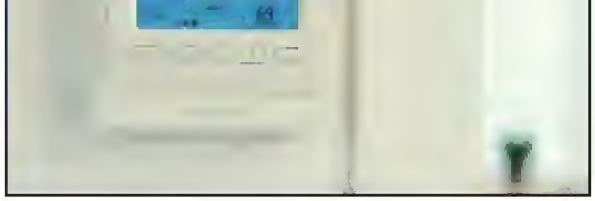

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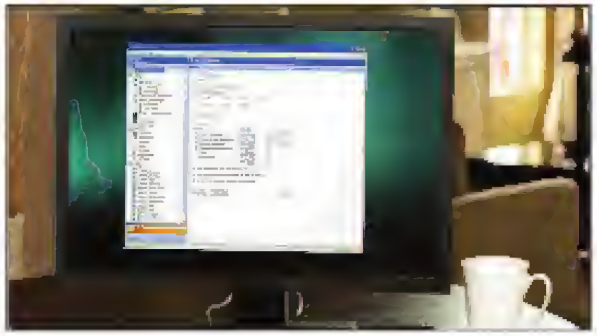

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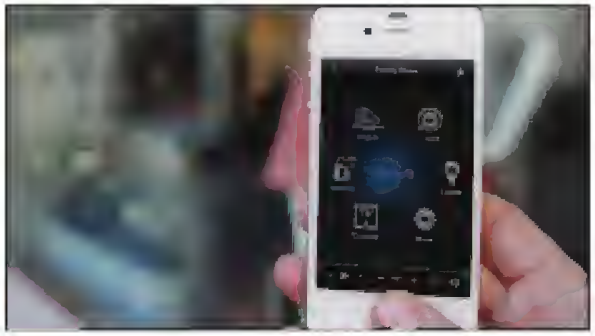

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Giving students an Oscar performance

Academy Award winner Colin Chilvers visits Fort Erie Secondary School

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Secondary School students are sure to produce an Oscar award-winning feature with the help of special effects artist Colin Chilvers.

Chilvers visited Fort Erie Secondary School on Friday to share his knowledge of the film industry with a group of more than 25 media students. He also plans to produce a short promotional video with the students.

"There's no reason why we couldn't work together," Chilvers said.

Chilvers is a member of the Niagara Woodcarvers Association and plans to work with FESS students to produce a promotional video for the association's upcoming show in March.

Chilvers said the Niagara Woodcarvers 35th Annual Show and Competition will be held on March 29 and 30 at Heartland Forest, at 8215 Kalar Rd., in Niagara Falls.

Chilvers plans to meet the students over the course of the next few weeks to plan the short video.

"I have the equipment and you guys have some equipment. I think we could make something great to promote the event and the school, too," he added.

Chilvers, a Crystal Beach resident, is no stranger to working in the movie and television business. The highlight of his career came in 1980 when he won an Oscar for best visual effects on the film Superman. Chilvers was responsible for special effects in the Superman trilogy's other two films.

Chilvers has worked on a number of popular films as the special effects coordinator including the Rocky Horror Picture Show, X-Men, and Bride of Chucky.

Chilvers also directs and has overseen a number of television commercials and music videos.

Michael Jackson fans will recognize Chilvers' work, as he directed Jackson's music video for Smooth Criminal.

The Crystal Beach resident grew up in England in a working-class family. He never imagined that he would one day have a successful career in the film industry.

"When I was 11 or 12 I was taken to the Saturday morning matinee and I was fascinated by it," Chilvers said.

"I went to art school and went on to study special effects. The first movie that I worked on was the 2001 Space Odyssey," he added.

The young special affects artist "was sacked" a few weeks into the project because the director wanted to employ his nephew instead of Chilvers.

He came to the Niagara region with a film crew to shoot one of the Superman trilogy's movies.

"We were shooting Superman 2 and one of the scenes was a boy falling over the falls in Niagara Falls," Chilvers said.

"I married a young lady from the area and I've been here ever since."

Chilvers continues to work in the film industry but he focuses on local projects and has directed a number of projects including a music video for local band the Screamin' Black Cadillacs.

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Colin Chilvers visited Fort Erie Secondary School Friday to talk to students about his work in the film industry and to kickstart a project with the students.

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11. Volunteers under 21
12. Community Events

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Resident concerned about proposed Crystal Beach development

Sarah Ferguson
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Jim Puhl doesn't think a proposed townhouse development in Crystal Beach fits in with the neighbourhood.

Upper Canada Consultants is proposing to build 23 townhouses at 3839 Rebstock Rd. on 1.142 hectares of land. The property is currently zoned for institutional use which permits an extended care nursing home or retirement home.

Upper Canada Consultants is seeking an amendment from the Town of Fort Erie to permit the townhouses and are hosting a public meeting on March 3 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Puhl, who lives beside the proposed development, said he isn't opposed to the development of the property.

He is opposed to the developer asking for an amendment to allow reduced front yard and side yard setbacks on Rebstock Rd. and increased building coverage .

"The development doesn't bother me, but the problem is that it's just too close to the road," Puhl said.

Puhl said he is concerned that a number of trees will have to be removed to accommodate the property , some of the homes will be tall enough so residents will be able to see into his and his neighbors' backyards and he wonders if there will be enough parking.

Puhl is also concerned because the sign on the proposed development gave the incorrect zoning information.

"The sign said the proposed zoning change was R3 and it's actually RN1," Puhl said.

The Crystal Beach resident noticed the zoning change on the proposed development's sign was wrong when he learned about the town's public meeting.

Kira Dolch, manager of development approvals, said town staff are just beginning to hear concerns from the public about the development.

"After we hear from the public, We'll asses what they developers are proposing and come back with a recommendation for council," she said.

Dolch said the town is only required to notify the public about proposed developments in the local newspaper, and a sign on a development is not required.

"The mistake on the sign was human error and it has since been corrected," she added.

Puhl encourages residents to attend the public meeting on March 3. He also wants residents to participate in an informal discussion he is hosting at the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on March 1.

The meeting will give residents an opportunity to discuss their concerns about rezoning, variances, building permits and developments in Fort Erie. Puhl will take the information from Saturday's informal meeting and present it to council.

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As far as supplements are concerned the best thing to do is follow the Canada Food Guide. A well balanced diet can provide you with all of the vitamins and nutrition you require. The few supplements that may be worthwhile to purchase are Calcium and Vitamin D. Even with a well balanced diet most people do not get enough of these. Recent studies show that almost everyone has a vitamin D deficiency. New evidence shows that vitamin D is important for bone health as well as preventing some cancers. It is also important to make sure you are getting enough Omega 3's (DHA and EPA). These supplements are linked to both heart and brain health. Again, they are deficient in most people's diets.

If you are interested in taking a supplement or vitamin consult your doctor or pharmacist. Many times you don't need to spend the extra money. If you would like to take an herbal product do as much research on the company as possible. Ask your pharmacist about safety and reliability. Herbals can interact with your prescription medications and cause liver and kidney toxicity. For example St. John's Wart can affect the birth control pill, and melatonin can increase blood pressure. Many herbals can also interact with warfarin, and could be dangerous for some people to take.

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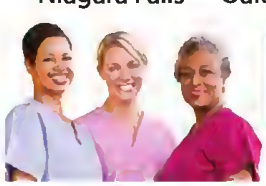

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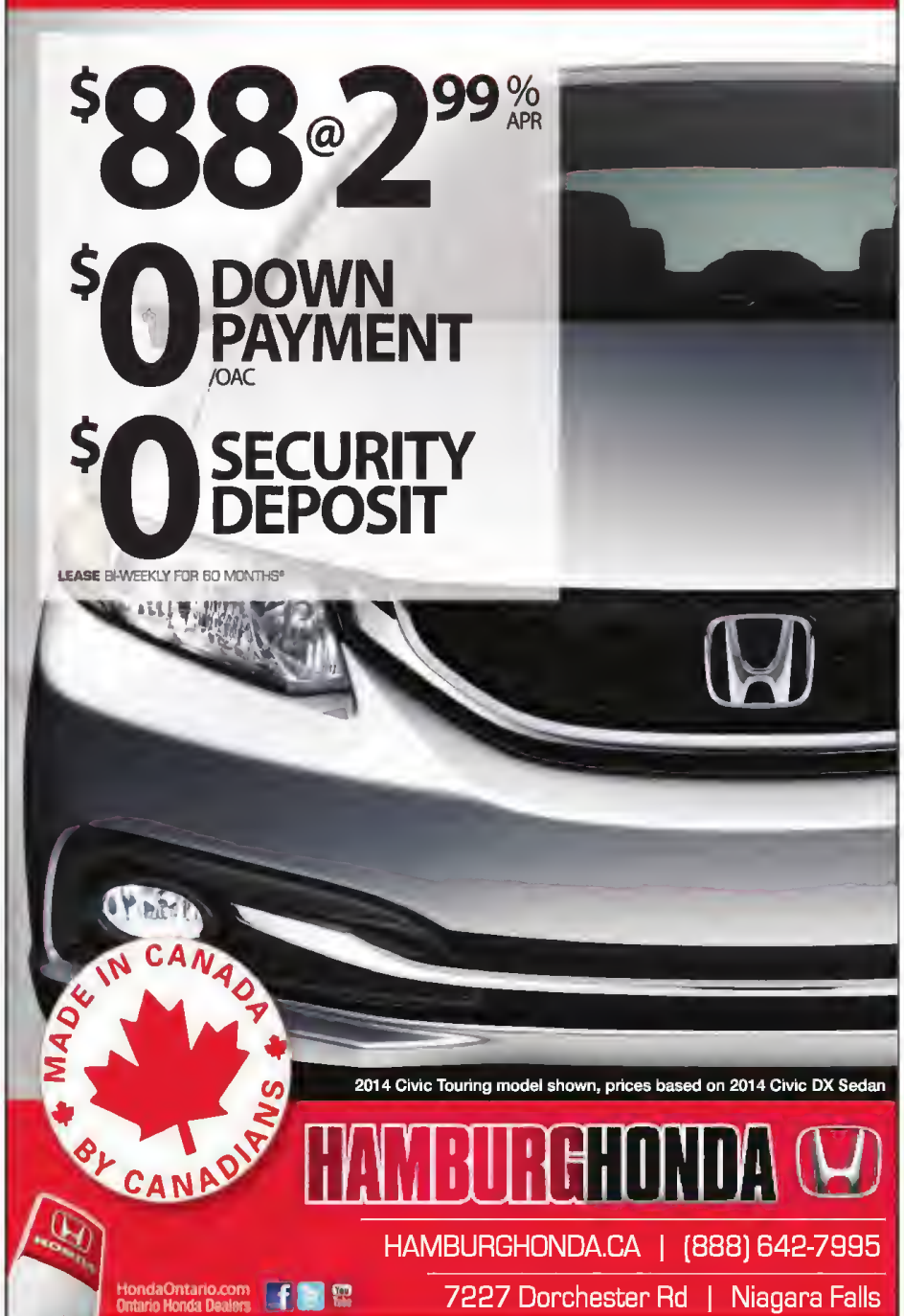

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Vivianne Cooney

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Vivianne enjoys doing what she does, that she doesn't consider it work. She enjoys making wine and serving her customers with great taste. She offers her customers superior juices, a unique and sparkling atmosphere and location and a "shot of cheerfulness" service. Vivianne has been enjoying herself for 10 successful years. She loved the product so much that she bought the business. Vivianne serves as an active member of the Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, the Ridgeway Beautification & Flowers Committee, is a Director on the Board of the Ridgeway B.I.A. and has received an award from the Ridgeway B.I.A. members for her work in public relations and promoting the Ridgeway businesses. She would like to thank her loyal customers for voting Grapes on the Ridge, the #1 BrewYour Own Wine Store numerous times.

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As Operations Manager at the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, I'm excited to be at the helm of a not-for-profit organization which prides itself on promoting trade, tourism, civic growth and progress of our community.

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Delcie Dennis

Delcie Dennis would like to thank her greater Fort Erie and Niagara area clients for their continued support in her businesses since opening in 1987. Garrison Tax provides Canadian and American personal income tax returns, business tax returns.

Delcie employs 3 full time and 2 part time staff. Her strengths are her strong customer service skills and availability all year long.

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Rebecca Nigh

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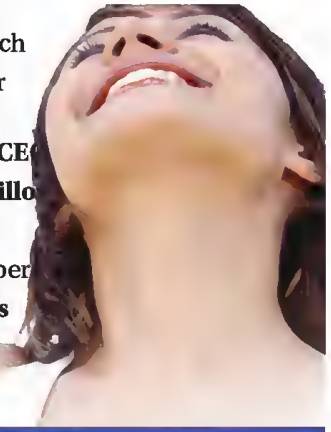

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In addition to her experience in the completion of compliance and review engagements, corporate returns and personal income tax returns for small and medium sized clients, Christine also acts as Audit Senior on several non-profit audit engagements.

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Bonnie uses her many years of bookkeeping experience to assist clients with computerized record keeping as well as preparation of remittance requirements for payroll and HST.

She is Ridgeway local who enjoys family events and is very involved in her community. In fact, she has been part of the Girl Guide program for over 30 years.

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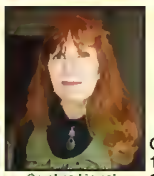

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Haven Global

Carolina has owned and operated Haven Global for 14 years, moving it to Niagara Falls from Thunder Bay Ontario in 2001. Through her dedication, belief, imagination and desire to share and network with others she has diversified and broadened the spectrum of Haven Global. Apart from the many affordable gifts, including jewelry, crystals, books, music, artworks, healing supplies and more, Carolina also offers Intuitive Readings , which complimant her Energy Healings, and she also hosts workshops on well being, and conducts numerous special events. Carolina also writes Guided Meditations, has produced CD's, as well as directed, produced and co-wrote the anthem for the 1995 World Nordic Ski Championships. Carolina believes in following your dreams. "Stay focused on good intentions and always hold fast and follow through. This will assist in opening the door's to life's many journeys-you just need to find the right key"!

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Kathy has been with the company for 20 years. Kathy has an architectural technology diploma from Mohawk College and is also a licensed gas fitter

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Marina Butler has been a proud business owner and supporter of the Community of Fort Erie since 1992. As President of Employment Professionals Canada she has led her company in diversifying its business portfolio through expansion of its current staffing services to include executive search, payroll services, human resource and health & safety consulting, workplace investigations and training services. Marina is often asked to speak regarding updated legislation and what it means to business and employees while advocating on the advantages of equality.

Serving as Vice-President of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce demonstrates Marina's a belief in giving back to the community. Aside from her duties with the chamber, Marina donates her time to support companies to create local investment and employment opportunities, sponsors families in need every year, educational funds through bursaries and is a proud supporter of Women's Place Niagara.

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An exemplary woman is a happy woman, a woman who lives her own life, but most of all a woman who accepts herself for whom she is. It is no longer necessary to master gourmet cooking, housecleaning and home decoration to be a real woman. The modern woman accepts the traditional tasks reserved for women but does them by choice and not by obligation.

An exemplary woman is a woman who accepts herself for who whom she is, in the splendour of her own femininity.

Whether she's addicted to reality shows or is fanatical about extreme sports, whether she is a home-maker, cook, mechanic or handyman, today's woman has the opportunity to choose her activities and her interests no matter how varied they may be. She has friends or children who she takes care of with all the love she is capable of, she is as strong as a rock but as sensitive as a leaf fluttering in the wind.

The exemplary woman is not bent on destroying the men around her and does not dictate to them. She accepts their differences, she exploits their strengths and does not criticize their weaknesses.

And lastly, today's woman does not try to harm other women. She is neither jealous of their success nor of their beauty. She accepts herself in the splendour of her own femininity, in her dissimilarity to others, in her unique character.

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Work of Art is owned by Karen Malton. She made the jump to self-employment after 25 years in banking and financial planning. She is also proud to service her community as the treasurer of the Ridgeway BIA.

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As an Addiction Counsellor for Warm, (Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation) Kara brings experience, compassion and dedication to this non-profit charity that provides counselling, education, and support services for women who experience or are affected by addiction in the Niagara Region. Kara is a graduate from Nipissing University and is a passionate advocate for oppressed social groups as she instils hope and empowerment to the women of Warm as she travels alongside them in their recovery journey.

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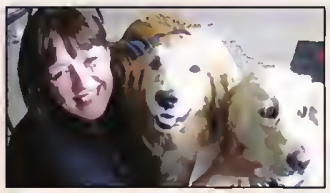

Kathy says she finds that using her skills to teach people to live in harmony with their dog is really not like work at all! Not when you love people and animals. She said people are surprised when they realize for only a half hour a day they can use fun, easy methods to teach their dog to stop behaviours they find annoying, like their dog pulling or not coming when called. People waste more time and energy chasing their dogs than it takes to train them! Her goal is help people train dogs so they don't run away and end up at shelters!

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March 8 is an occasion to reflect on the considerable progress made with regard to the social standing of men and women in this country and elsewhere in the world. It is to understand that the realization of our current achievements required a great deal of effort. It is to realize that Western freedoms are not representative of what is happening in the rest of the world.

This is the moment to realize that before 1930, a Canadian woman was not even considered a person under the Civil Code. Think that before 1988 the law tolerated the beating of wives by their husbands. Think that the idea of non-consensual sex only appeared in the Criminal Code in 1992.

We must think about those women in other countries who give their daughters up for

adoption or who have abortions when the expected baby is a girl. Think of those women who are stoned to death for committing a mistake, of those who can only talk to their own husbands, of those who are exploited in all manner of ways for the amusement of others, of those violated by terrorist groups and subjected to enforced prostitution. March 8, an historic day for women in the West, a day of hope for those less fortunate.

Barbara Hopkins

Barb Hopkins is a woman always on the go. She worked in office administration for many years. She has been a member of the legion for 22 years. Since 2008, until recently she was the president of RCL branch 230. Now, she is in charge of community development at the Legion. She organizes benefits, fundraisers etc. Barb Hopkins is the face of RCL branch 230 when it comes to promoting the Legion at public events. The Legion is founded on a volunteer base. Barb would like to see more people come out and join the legion and become volunteers and enjoy the experience that being a volunteer brings. Barb would like all women in business to know that there will always be bumps along the way, but keep your chin up. These will pass. A positive attitude will bring positive results.

Barbara Hopkins

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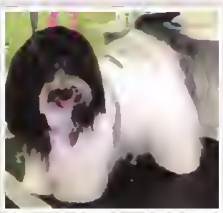

After many years in the world of Finance and Accounting, Angela Dickson decided she needed to make a career change. In 2004 she took a grooming course and loved it immediately. She then took her new career to a grooming facility in St. Catharine's and in 2010 made another brave decision to open her own grooming operation in Crystal Beach. Angela believes that the health & well-being of her grooming clients is very important, and strives to ensure her clients have a comfortable and stress free experience. Angela also saw the need for more natural pet food in the area and has natural, raw and organic pet food and supplements for your pet. To obtain more information or to book an appointment please call Angela !

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Caring is in the air at Ridgeway Public School

Students learn about the importance of caring in January

Ridgeway Public School
Special to The Times

Throughout the month of January, the students at Ridgeway Public School have been learning about the character trait of Caring.

The students have reflected on what it means to be a Caring Kid and were given the challenge to think of ways that they could show others how much they care.

All too often we take others for granted, when it is really the little things that can make such a difference. The Grade 3 students came up with many ideas of how they could spread the love, both at school and at home/

Monique Crampton pledges " I will help kids by making sure they are not getting bullied".

Marcus Aiello and Evan Edmonson pledge to "make friends with those that don't have any".

Kara Spurrell, Mya Lewis, and Zoe Muileboom are caring kids because they take care of their pets by cuddling them and feeding them".

Lilly DeVinney says she shows that she cares by saying "I love you."

Noah MacGregor and Albert Opotovsky are caring kids because they "make others feel welcome".

Cooper Bailey and Kaden Smyth report that "you can give gifts to your family and friends and give money to people who don't have any. Well, everyone can use a gift".

Teyha Scott and Malcolm Orford know that caring kids "take care of others when they are sick".

The Grade 1 students, decked out as Caring Bears and performed the Dynamite Caring Song at our monthly assembly.

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VITEK ZAWADA Special to The Times

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway Public School students participated in a variety of Olympic inspired events last Thursday and Friday.

Showing their Canadian pride

Ridgeway Public School hosts its own Olympic Games

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway Public School students showed their Canadian spirit by testing their athletic strength during their own Olympic Games.

The students held an opening ceremony which included songs and dances Thursday morning, principal Sherry Storrey-Perchaluk said.

About 186 students competed in events including seal racing, snow sculptures, slalom skiing and snowball distance over a two day period.

"We're celebrating the Olympic Games through cooperative games," Perchaluk-Storrey said.

"The students were able to earn points each time they showed their team spirit and how they helped everyone," she added.

The games were concluded Friday afternoon with a closing ceremony to celebrate the students' success.

Go, Canada, Go!

DIANA WOEHL Special to The Times

From left, Adam and Natalie Woehl built this snow Polar Bear sculpture in support of the 2014 Winter Olymphics. The Polar Bear" is one of the Olympic mascots for the Sochi Olympics.

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DATED at Fort Erie,
this 21st day of February, 2014

Julie VonKalckreuth, Eatate Trustee
of the Eatate of Susan Balfour
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DATED at Fort Erie,
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Donna Walczyk and Rhonda McQueen,
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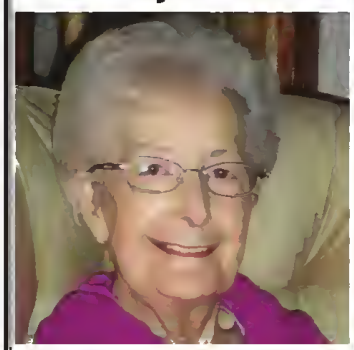

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Eddy Feiertag

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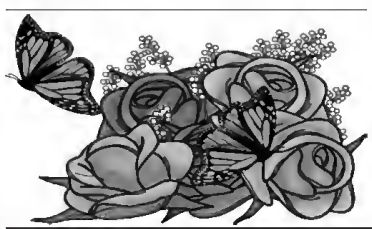
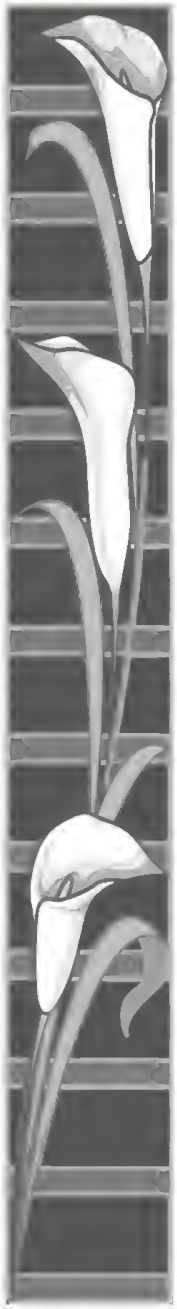
HUTTON, Dennis - The family of the late Dennis Hutton extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those that helped in so many ways during our time of need. We are so thankful for your many expressions of kindness and sympathy, including floral tributes, charitable donations, kind words, food and hugs.
Our sincere thanks to Dr. Gleeson; words cannot express our appreciation for your daily visits, extraordinary care, support and constant encouragement throughout Denny's long journey. We would also like to thank CCAC and the St. Elizabeth nurses, Marjie and Pat, and our PSW angel Diana. The care, compassion, knowledge and experience you shared with us each day enabled Denny to live out his final days at home in peace and comfort surrounded by loved ones.
We would especially like to thank Reverend Elizabeth Sipos for her spiritual guidance and wonderful celebration of life service. Thank you to Sandy McDermott, Sharon Insley and Trish Mills for your constant support and beautiful contributions to the service. Thank you to the St. Nick's ladies at St. Paul's church for preparing and hosting a wonderful luncheon for our family and friends to enjoy in Denny's honour. We would also like to thank Rich Products for the generous contribution of Denny's favourite desserts and sweet treats.
We would like to express our most profound thanks to Denny's friends and honourary pallbearers, Wayne Heximer, Ray VanOsch, Don Mills, Ken Abbas, Fred Ruch, Jim Burrison and John Meenaghan, for many years of friendship, and for your constant support throughout Denny's journey.
Our thanks to Wayne Ashworth and the staff at Crescent Garden's for preparing glorious floral arrangements that so perfectly fulfilled our wishes, as always.
Finally, we would like to thank Darren Flagg and the staff at Benner Funeral Services for your guidance, compassion and attention to detail. Your assistance and support made navigating this difficult time easier.
We are truly blessed to be surrounded by friends and loved ones who have been by our sides, always caring, always compassionate and always willing to help in any way possible – our gratitude to each of you is endless.
Sincerely,
Carol, Sean, Jenn& families

Obituaries

BURGER, Alice - Passed away peacefully on Thursday February 20, 2014 at Gilmore Lodge in Fort Erie. She was 92 years old. Alice was predeceased by her husband Raymond (2000). Alice is the beloved mother of her children Barbara Wassinger (Gary) and Gary Burger (Jennifer) and the late Jeffrey Burger (1998) (Darlene). She celebrates seven grandchildren – Craig Wassinger (Kate), Jay Wassinger (Erica), Todd Wassinger, Alexandra Burger, Austin Burger, Ben Burger, Scott Burger and four great-grandchildren – Holden Wassinger, Bailey Wassinger, Zoe Wassinger and Tatum Wassinger. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES,** Ridgeway. Private interment will take place at Zion Cemetery, Ridgeway. A memorial service will be held the date to be announced. Please contact the funeral home at 905-894-1161 or check the website, www.williamsfuneralservices.ca where you may also leave condolences for the family. Memorial donations to the Gilmore Lodge Auxiliary or People's Memorial United Church.

DESIRI, Mary Donna – Peacefully at home at the age of 80 on Saturday February 22, 2014. Mary Desiri, beloved wife for 56 years to Italo Desiri. Cherished mother of Angela Desiri, Nino Desiri and Paul Desiri and his wife Gloria. Loving nonna of Christopher Luff, Andrew Desiri, Victoria Desiri and Sophia Desiri. Sadly missed by her sisters-in-law Ilde Capanna, Eva D'Ambrosio and by her niece Lella and her husband Tonino. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES,** 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will be held on Tuesday February 25th from 9:30-10:30 at which time we will leave for St. George Church, 56 Ridgeway Road where the funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 o'clock. Rite of Committal will be follow at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. Mary loved flowers and they will be gladly accepted to celebrate her life.





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FORREST, Joyce Lorraine - September 6, 1948 - February 19, 2014: Predeceased by her parents Russell and Helen Forrest. Sister of Rosemary, Lyle and Russell. Sadly missed by her cousins by blood, siblings in heart, Karen Connell, Sharon Eagles (James), Wendy Lovegrove, Fred Sault, Carolanne Lovegrove (Bruce), Beck Vanderwyk (John), Shelley Graham (Craig) and Kelly Sault (Cheryl). Also survived by and will be fondly remembered by her many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A sincere thank-you to the staff at Douglas Memorial Hospital for the outstanding care provided for Joyce, her family and visitors. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES,** Ridgeway. A memorial service will be held in April - date to be announced. Memorial donations may be made to Intercede International or a charity of choice.

In Memoriams

CURTIS
In mamory of our daar friand Brian
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Missing you, John & Tami.

NAGEL
In loving memory of our dear friend Bill
(Whip) who passad away Fabruary 24, 1996.
Missing you, John & Tami.

Obituaries

MULLAN, Mary - Mary passed away on February 7th at the age of 48. She was the daughter of the late Gerald and Lily Mullan. She will be sadly missed by her loving children Matt "Bud" McQueen (Kayla) and Alexandra "Boo" McQueen (Tim). Proud grandmother of Jade Mary-Grace "Bug" McQueen. She will be sadly missed by lifelong friend Judy and her many other wonderful friends. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Friends are welcome to visit on Sunday March 2nd from 1 pm until the time of a service to celebrate Mary's Life at 2 o'clock.

In Memoriams

Sibbald - In loving memory of a dear husband and father, James, who passed away 30 years ago, March 2, 1984.

When evening shades are falling
And we sit in the quiet alone,
To our hearts there comes a longing
If he could only come home.
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When at times they see us smile,
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In Memoriams

John Doneff
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Meteors end regular season with 6–3 loss

Collin Stachura
Fort Erie Times

The puck dropped on the ice Saturday for the final game in the Fort Erie Meteors' regular season, ending in a 6-3 decision for the first place St. Catharines Falcons.

The Falcons opened the scoring only 37 seconds in the first period with a short-handed goal from Greg Jambrosich.

Kyle Marino answered back for the Meteors five minutes later to tie the game.

It wasn't long after Marino's goal, that Aaron Taylor fired back, leading the Falcons into the second period with a 2-1 lead.

The Falcons' Kyle Woodhouse added another goal 31 seconds into the second period while Marino earned his second goal of the night for the Meteors.

The Falcons' Mark Rodgers, Broderick Kelly and Ryan Doucette earned single goals in the third period while Meteors' Sam Quaranta scored the final goal of the night for his team.

With the Meteors regular season behind them, their focus is now turned towards the playoffs starting next week with what looks to be a first-round series against the Caledonia Corvairs, a team that the Meteors have struggled with all season.

With a tough series ahead, the Meteors will have to give it their all on the ice against the Corvairs.

The Meteors first playoff game is at home against the St. Catharines Falcons on March. 1 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex, the puck drops at 7:15 p.m.

COLLIN STACHURA Special to The Times

Fort Erie Meteors' Kyle Marino scores his second goal of the night, late in the second period Saturday night against the St. Catharines Falcons. The game ended in a 6-3 loss for the Meteors' last game of their regular season at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

Playoff Schedule

The Fort Erie Meteors will face the St. Catharines Falcons in a seven game playoff series:

Game 1: Feb. 28, Away
Game 2: March 1, Home
Game 3: March 4, Away
Game 4: March 5, Home
Game 5: March 7, Away
Game 6: March 8, Home
Game 7: March 10, Away

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